

Why College is Important to Me
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It's that moment you strive for throughout your entire adolescence. Whether it's learning your alphabet, or learning how to write a research paper. Whether it's finishing your 3rd grade math homework, or staying home to study instead of going to your school's football game. Walking across the stage to receive your college degree is the moment that you spend your youth working for. As you hear your name over the speakers, you suddenly realize that your life is about to change. You are about to be shoved into life and everything that comes with it. You truly become an adult. As you envision your life without school, that's when you see how far you have come. That's when you see how much your education has prepared you for the challenges that life will bring. That's when you realize that all the hard work, the hours spent studying, and the sacrifices you have made have shaped you into the accomplished person that you have worked so hard to become. That's when you really appreciate the importance of elementary school, the importance of high school, and the importance of college.

I attended my first college graduation during my junior year of high school. It amazed me. It made me realize that I am that close to graduating college myself. This has been a goal of mine ever since I was a child. My biggest aspirations are to become an optometrist, and to perform mission work wherever possible, because I want that chance to help people in any way that I can. College will help me achieve these goals by giving me the education I need. I hope to major in Biology, and then attend an optometry school in Oklahoma. I completely understand the amount of work that it will take to accomplish this, and I am also confident that I have the drive to complete it. College is important because it redefines the work ethics of students.

Another reason why college is so vital to my future is the simple fact that it will teach me how to live on my own. College is where many people learn the significance of independence and self-responsibility because there is no one there to tell you when to study, and when to go to class.

The reason that these goals are important to me is because I realize that I could be the first in my family to graduate with a college degree. On my paternal side, there has not been a family member who has attended college. Therefore, when I complete college, I will be the first Morales to accomplish this task. I want to be the one to change this pattern in my family. Goals are an important part of my life. They drive me to not only reach for success, but to become a better person, and I understand that whatever those goals may be, they are not achievable without college.